Research Notes: Martin Healy (c. 1829 - 1879)

Research Overview:

Martin Healy (circa 1829–1879) was a rural laborer in County Roscommon whose life is documented almost entirely within a narrow cluster of neighboring townlands near Tulsk. He lived and died in Rathkeva, raised his family in Toberrory, and appears in records associated at times with Rathcroghan, a local place-name rather than a formal civil division. His movements were minimal, his occupation consistent, and his family deeply rooted in this small area over multiple generations.

Unlike many Irish families of the nineteenth century, the Healys of Rathkeva and Toberrory did not emigrate in significant numbers. With one notable exception—a son who settled briefly in the United States—most members of this family remained in Ireland, married locally, and were buried at Tulsk Cemetery. Because the family remained in Ireland, the evidentiary record is confined to local sources and lacks the depth often provided by overseas documentation. What survives instead is a thin and uneven Irish record shaped by rural life, repeated names, and incomplete parish coverage.

Martin Healy married Bridget McDermott in 1860. He was the father of two daughters who entered the Marist Order and lived in religious communities in Europe, a son and a daughter who married siblings from the Fleming family, and two sons—John and Michael Joseph Healy—who emigrated to the United States.

The principal unresolved issue in this research is the identity of Martin Healy's parents and his position within a cluster of closely related Healy families in County Roscommon. Multiple men named Healy married women named Bridget McDermott in the same county during the mid-nineteenth century, producing overlapping given names and conflicting later attributions. One James Healy, who emigrated to Chicago and died there in 1922, is identified in contemporary records as an uncle of Martin Healy's son and named parents consistent with this family group. If that relationship is accurate, it places Martin Healy within a specific sibling set, but the absence of a confirmed baptism and gaps in parish records prevent that conclusion from being stated definitively.

These research notes document what can be established about Martin Healy and his family while keeping unresolved identities and relationships explicit. The surviving evidence consists of a small number of civil registrations, parish records, and census records. Where records conflict or are absent, those absences are treated as part of the historical record rather than deficiencies to be resolved. The aim is to preserve clarity around individuals who can be distinguished, to separate similarly named contemporaries, and to state uncertainty plainly where the evidence does not support a definitive conclusion.

Speculative Narrative:
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Time Line:

Rathkeva is a townland of almost 203 acres near the village of Tulsk in County Roscommon, Ireland.[1] A townland is the smallest geographic division of land in Ireland. In the past, one landowner often held a single townland with multiple tenants living on or farming the land. Martin Healy died in Rathkeva. However, his children were born in the townland of Toberrory. Toberrory contains about 574 acres and is less than 2 miles north of Rathkeva.[2] Sometimes the address of Rathcroghan was given in his family's records. Rathcroghan was not an official townland name but was probably the local name for an area in or around Toberrory. Toberrory contains the archaeological site of Rathcroghan.[3] Now a national monument, Rathcroghan includes a Neolithic burial mound and ringfort.[4]

Martin Healy was probably born in County Roscommon, Ireland, circa 1829.[5] He may have been the son of James and Bridget (McDernont) Healy.[6] Martin died in Rathkeva, County Roscommon, on 4 August 1879, and most likely was buried in Tulsk Cemetery in County Roscommon, where his children are buried.[7] He was a shepherd in the Rathkeva area.[8]
Martin married **Bridget McDermott** in the Roman Catholic Parish of Killucan, County Roscommon, on 30 January 1860.[9] There were probably married in the church in Croghan, which is 15 miles north of Tulsk. Bridget

[1] *Townlands* (https://www.townlands.ie/), Rathkeva, County Roscommon.
[2] *Townlands* (https://www.townlands.ie/), Toberrory, County Roscommon.
[3] *Logainm.ie* (https://www.logainm.ie/en/), Rathcroghan.
[4] *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/), Rathcroghan.
[5] Birth calculated from death date. Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Death Records, 1879, 4:3, Martin Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland.
[6] A parentage source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree.
[7] For death see Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Death Records, 1879, 4:3, Martin Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland. For cemetery see *Find a Grave* (http://www.findagrave.com), Martin Healy, Memorial #137753400.

[8] Based on occupation of Herd in Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Death Records, 1879, 4:3, Martin Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland.

[9] Killucan Parish, Elphin Diocese, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, Marriages, 1851-1864, 1860, Martinum Healy-Brigidam McDermott, 30 Jan 1860; National Library of Ireland, Dublin; FHL microfilm 989741.

was born about 1833.[10] She died in Rathcroghan, County Roscommon, on 18 September 1885 and probably was buried in Tulsk Cemetery.[11]

1829—He was probably born in Roscommon, Ireland.[12] It appears that both Martin Healy's mother and wife were named Bridget McDermott.

15 May 1850 - Birth of brother James Healy (1850 - 1922) at Killucan, Roscommon, Ireland.[13]

30 Jan 1860 - Marriage to Bridget McDermott (1832 - 1885) at Croghan, Killukin (Boyle Barony), Roscommon, Ireland.[14]

1863 - Birth of daughter Margaret Healy (1863 - 1934) at Ratherogen, Roscommon, Ireland.[15]

Margaret Healy, born most likely in Toberrory, County Roscommon, circa 1863 to 1873; married Michael J. Flemming in Tulsk, County Roscommon, on 13 February 1899; died in Ireland in 1934.

Margaret Healy, daughter of Martin and Bridget (McDermott) Healy, was born most likely in Toberrory, County Roscommon, circa 1863 to 1873.[16]

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[10] Birth calculated from death date. Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Death Records, 1885, 5:41, Bridget Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland.

[11] For death see Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Death Records, 1885, 5:41, Bridget Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland. For cemetery see *Find a Grave* (http://www.findagrave.com), Bridget McDermott Healy, Memorial #137753515.

[12] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QK18-PT1T: 4 July 2020), Martin Healy, 1879; Burial, , ; citing record ID , *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

[13] U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington D.C.; NARA Series: Passport Applications, January 2, 1906 - March 31, 1925; Roll #: 64; Volume #: Roll 0064 - Certificates: 55485-56316, 04 Jun 1908-10 Jun 1908

[14] "Ireland Marriages, 1619-1898", database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FGC4-2MN: 6 February 2020), Martinum Healy, 1860.

[15] Birth of daughter Margaret Healy

[16] Location based on sibling birth locations. For 1863 see 1911 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Kilnanooan, Household return form A, house 1, James Healy; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\). For 1873 see Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Marriage records, 1899, 9:30, Michael Flemming-Margaret Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland.

She died in Ireland in 1934.[17] She lived with her husband and children in Toberrory when they were enumerated on the 1901 and 1911 Census of Ireland.[18] Her husband was a shepherd.

Margaret married **Michael J. Flemming** in Tulsk, County Roscommon, on 13 February 1899.[19] Michael, son of David and Winifred (Cummins) Flemming, was born in County Roscommon circa 1862 to 1866.[20] He died in County Roscommon.[21]

19 Jan 1866 - Birth of daughter Bridget Healy (1866 - 1949) at Elphin, Roscommon, Ireland.[22]

Bridget Healy was born in Toberrory, County Roscommon, on 19 January 1866.[23] She was consecrated as Sister M. Malachy of the Marist Order and served 57 years in the south of France.[24] She died in the Marist Convent in Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim, on 15 April 1949.[25]

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[17] A death source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree.

[18] 1901 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Toberrory, Household return form A, house 2, Michl Fleming; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\). 1911 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Toberrory, Household return form A, house 3, Michael Fleming; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\).

[19] Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Marriage records, 1899, 9:30, Michael Flemming-Margaret Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland.

[20] A parentage source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree. For 1862 see 1911 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Toberrory, Household return form A, house 3, Michael Fleming; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911*

(http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\). For 1866 see 1901 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Toberrory, Household return form A, house 2, Michl Fleming; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\).

[21] A death source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree.

[22] "Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881", , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FR9L-XHF: 15 February 2020), Bridget Healy, 1866.

[23] Ireland, Quarterly Returns of Births, Elphin District, Strokestown Union, County Roscommon, Birth Register, 1866, vol. 3-1:408, no. 335, Bridget Healy; General register Office, Dublin; FHL microfilm 101122.

[24] "Carrick-on Shannon News, Death of Aged Marist Nun," undated obituary.

[25] "Carrick-on Shannon News, Death of Aged Marist Nun," undated obituary.

1866 - Birth of son James Healy (1866 - 1944) at Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[26]

James Healy, born most likely in Toberrory, County Roscommon, circa 1860 to 1866; married Kate Flemming in Ireland circa 1899; died in Elphin, County Roscommon, in 1944.

James Healy, son of Martin and Bridget (McDermott) Healy, was born most likely in Toberrory, County Roscommon, circa 1860 to 1866.[27] He died in Elphin, County Roscommon, in 1944 and is buried in Tulsk Cemetery.[28] He lived with his wife and children in Kilnanooan townland, County Roscommon, when they were enumerated on the 1901 and 1911 Census of Ireland.[29] Kilnanooan adjoins Toberrory to the east, and they were the only family living in the townland. James was a shepherd.

James married **Kate Flemming** in Ireland circa 1899.[30] Kate was born in County Roscommon between 1866 and 1868.[31] She also died in 1944 and was buried in Tulsk Cemetery.[32]

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[26] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVPS-D72X: 4 July 2020), James Healy, 1985; Burial, , ; citing record ID , *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

[27] Location based on sibling birth locations. For 1860 see 1911 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Kilnanooan, Household return form A, house 1, James Healy; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\). For 1866 see 1901 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Kilnanocan [Kilnanooan], Household return form A, house 1, James Healy; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\).

[28] A death source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree. For cemetery see *Find a Grave* (http://www.findagrave.com), James Healy, Memorial #137752193.

[29] 1901 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Kilnanocan [Kilnanooan], Household return form A, house 1, James Healy; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\). 1911 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Kilnanooan, Household return form A, house 1, James Healy; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\).

[30] Based reported years married in 1911 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Kilnanooan, Household return form A, house 1, James Healy; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\).

[31] For 1866 see 1911 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Kilnanooan, Household return form A, house 1, Kate Healy; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\). For 1868 see 1901 Census of Ireland, County Roscommon, Cloonyquin District Electoral Division (DED), Kilnanocan [Kilnanooan], Household return form A, house 1, Kate Healy; National Archives of Ireland, *Census of Ireland 1901/1911* (http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie\).

[32] *Find a Grave* (http://www.findagrave.com), Catherine "Kate" Flemming Healy, Memorial #137752278.

10 Jul 1868 - Birth of son Michael Joseph Healy (1868 - 1917) at Elphin, Roscommon, Ireland.[33]

Michael Joseph Healy was born in Toberrory, County Roscommon, on 10 July 1868; married Mary C. Brudell in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on 9 June 1904; died in Chicago on 30 January 1917.

Michael Joseph Healy, son of Martin and Bridget (McDermott) Healy, was born in Toberrory, County Roscommon, on 10 July 1868.[34] He died in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on 30 January 1917 and was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Evanston, Cook County, Illinois.[35] Michael immigrated to the U.S. in 1890 and in 1910 lived at 172 Cass Street in Chicago.[36] Michael married **Mary Cecelia Brudell** in Chicago on 9 June 1904.[37] Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Daly) Brudle, was born in Doon townland, County Roscommon, on 10 September 1873.[38] Doon is about six miles east of Tulsk. She died in Chicago on 1 January 1917 and was buried in Calvary Cemetery.[39]

1868 - Birth of daughter Mary Healy (1869 - 1927) at Elphin, Roscommon, Ireland.[40]

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[33] "Ireland Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958", , *FamilySearch*

(https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FYR1-8ZQ: Tue Sep 10 01:55:34 UTC 2024), Entry for Michael Healy, 1868.

[34] Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Birth records, 1868, 2:48, Michael Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland.

[35] For death see Illinois State Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 3609 (1917), Michael Healy; Division of Vital Records, Springfield, Illinois. For cemetery see *Find a Grave* (http://www.findagrave.com), Michael Joseph Healy, Memorial #24596510.

[36] 1910 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago Ward 21, enumeration district 915, page 9A, Michael J. Healey; *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com/).

[37] "Illinois, Chicago, Catholic Church Records, 1833-1925", database with images, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVMN-B176 : 27 May 2014), Michael J Healy and Mary C Brudell, 1904.

[38] A birth source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree.

[39] For death see Illinois State Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 102 (1917), Mary Healy; Division of Vital Records, Springfield, Illinois. For cemetery see *Find a Grave* (http://www.findagrave.com), Mary Cecelia Brudell Healy, Memorial #24596612.

[40] Birth of daughter Mary Healy

Mary Healy was born probably in Toberrory, County Roscommon, circa 1869.[41] She was consecrated as Sister Chanel of the Marist Order.[42] She died in France in 1927.[43]

10 Aug 1871 - Birth of son John Healy (1871 - 1924) at Ratherogen, Roscommon, Ireland.[44]

John Healy was born in Toberrory, County Roscommon, on 10 August 1871.[45] He immigrated to New York, New York County, New York, on 15 November 1908 on the ship Celtic.[46] In 1910 he lived with his brother in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.[47]

John Healy was the youngest known child of Martin Healy and Bridget McDermott. His father died when John was seven years old, and his mother died when he was fourteen. Evidence suggests that John may have had an earlier period of residence in New York prior to his documented arrival in 1908. At age nineteen, in 1891, a John Healy immigrated to the United States and later petitioned for naturalization in New York in 1906 while living at 93 Baudain Street. The sole point of identification linking this record to John Healy of Toberrory is a matching birth date.
He appears to have returned to Ireland before re-entering the United States in 1908. By 1910, he had relocated to Chicago, where he was recorded as a single man. He died on 3 January 1947 in Manhattan and was buried at St. Raymond's Cemetery, where Martin John Healy and his family are also buried.

[41] A birth source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree.

[42] A source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree.

[43] A death source is needed. Information was taken from client's Ancestry.com tree.

[44] "Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881", database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F5TN-MBW: 15 February 2020), John Healy, 1871.

[45] Elphin District, Ireland, Civil Birth Records, 1871, 3:38, John Healy; transcribed in "The Healy Family" report by County Roscommon Heritage and Genealogy Company, Strokestown, Ireland.
[46] "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com/), John Healy, arrival 15 Nov 1908, born 1875 in Rathoughan [Rathcroghan].

[47] 1910 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago Ward 21, enumeration district 915, page 9A, John Healey; *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com/).

4 Aug 1879 - Death at Rathkeva, Roscommon, Ireland.[48]

Aug 1879 - Burial at Tulsk, Roscommon, Ireland.[49]

[48] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/137753400/martin-healy: accessed September 29, 2024), memorial page for Martin Healy (1829–4 Aug 1879), Find a Grave Memorial ID 137753400, citing Tulsk Cemetery, Tulsk, County Roscommon, Ireland; Maintained by mbm1311 (contributor 46958655).

[49] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QK18-PT1T: 4 July 2020), Martin Healy, 1879; Burial, , ; citing record ID , *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

Appendix:

Appendix Overview

The index brings together individuals, family groups, and places that appear repeatedly or problematically within the research notes. It includes members of the immediate Healy family, collateral Healys whose identities intersect through naming, geography, or burial evidence, and individuals connected through marriage, sponsorship, guardianship, or later correspondence. Several entries preserve unresolved figures—individuals known only through a gravestone, a census appearance, or a single documentary reference—whose inclusion reflects their potential relevance rather than confirmed placement.

In addition to named individuals, the index captures key documentary anchors and contextual elements, including Tulsk Cemetery, religious vocations within the family, DNA correspondents, and specific research questions that remain open. Together, these entries function as a reference framework for tracking identity conflicts, separating similarly named contemporaries, and maintaining visibility of unresolved relationships across the broader Roscommon network documented in the notes.

Anne Healy (1907-1995)

Sister of Mary Healy Hopkinson (1905-2005). According to Gerard Healy's father, Anne traveled to County Roscommon, Ireland, before the late 1970s, where she visited her Healy first cousins in the Tulsk area while gathering family information on behalf of her sister, Mary Healy Hopkinson. Her visit centered on relatives connected to Tulsk Cemetery and contributed to later family understanding of the Healy line.

Audrey Gallagher

A U.S.-based relative who contacted the author.

Audrey is the daughter of Martin Hugh Healy (1929-2009), who lived in the New York / New Jersey area with his wife, Millicent O'Brien (1925-2025), and their children.

Martin Hugh Healy (1929-2009) was the son of Martin John Healy (1900-1970) and Mary Maxwell (1894-1994). They lived near the Bronx, New York. Martin Hugh Healy also had a sister, Frances Mary Healy (1933-2001), who never married and is buried with her parents at St. Raymond's Cemetery, Bronx, New York.

Audrey's great-grandfather, James Healy (1866-1944), is the brother of the author's great-grandfather, Michael Joseph Healy (1868-1917).

Bridget McDermott

The correspondence indicates that two separate marriages occurred in County Roscommon between men named Healy and women named Bridget McDermott, creating persistent confusion in identifying children and descendants.

One couple was James Healy and Bridget McDermott, who married in County Roscommon. This couple appears to have had a son, Martin Healy (1829-1879), born approximately ten years before the marriage of the author's ancestors. They also had a son named James Healy (1850-1922), born in County Roscommon, who later emigrated to the United States and died in Chicago in 1922. His death record identifies his parents as James Healy and Bridget McDermott, and names his wife as Mary Nagle.

A second couple was Martin Healy (1829-1879) and Bridget McDermott (-1885), the author's direct ancestors. This couple also had a son named James Healy (1866-1944), who later married Catherine Fleming (1866-1944). This James Healy is distinct from the James Healy who died in Chicago in 1922; his recorded birth year is approximately nine years later, and gravestone evidence indicates that he is buried in the Tulsk Cemetery in Ireland. The Martin Healy of this second couple does not appear to have had a son named Martin. Instead, his lineage includes a grandson, Martin John Healy, who died in New York.

The existence of two Healy–McDermott marriages in the same county, with overlapping sons named James, combined with repeated given names and incomplete records, explains the conflicting information surrounding the children attributed to Martin Healy (1829-1879) and Bridget McDermott (-1885). The correspondence makes clear that birth and death dates for both women named Bridget McDermott have not yet been firmly established, and that locating and confirming those dates is essential to fully disentangling these family lines.

Analytical note on possible parentage:

The correspondence raises the possibility that James Healy and Bridget McDermott—the first couple identified—may be the parents of both Martin Healy (the author's direct ancestor) and James Healy, who later emigrated to the United States, married Mary Nagle, and died in Chicago in 1922. The difficulty lies in chronology: the recorded birth year of my direct ancestor, Martin Healy, is off by approximately nine years, but I haven't found his baptismal record, my date is an estimate.

Catherine Healey (1880 - unknown)

In the 1910 census for James Healy (1850-1922) in Chicago, a Catherine Healey, age 30, born in Ohio, appears in the household and is listed as a renter. Her relationship to James Healy is not stated. The shared surname raises the possibility of a family connection, potentially as a niece, though no record confirms this. Her parentage is unknown, and a possible connection to a Patrick Healy of Toledo, Ohio, is unproven. No records for Catherine Healey have been identified before or after the 1910 census.

Cross-reference: see James Healy (1850–1922) / Mary Nagle, for household context and possible kinship connections.

Gerard Healy

A distant cousin of the author, approximately twenty-five years younger, and the primary correspondent in the email exchange. He lives in County Roscommon, where the original one-room house built by his grandfather, James Healy (1866-1944), and James's wife, Catherine Fleming (1866-1944), still stands on land that is now part of Gerard's farm. Gerard's family holds local knowledge connected to Tulsk Cemetery and surrounding townlands, and he shared photographs of Irish gravestones along with family recollections passed down from his father, Patrick Healy.

Guardianship Papers for Mary, Anne, and Gertrude Healy

I located a significant document: the guardianship filing for my grandmother, Gertrude Healy (1910-1948), and her older sisters, Mary (1905-2005) and Anne (1907-1995). After both of their parents died in January 1917, the three girls were declared wards of the court. I wrote the following email to my cousin Neil Conroy regarding this record. Neil and I share common ancestors through the parents of Mary Daly, who married Bernard Lenehan.

Email to Neil Conroy:

"Hi Neil,

How are you? I was reviewing my grandmother Gertrude Healy Laughlin's guardianship papers. Both of her parents died in January 1917, and she and her sisters, Mary and Anne, were orphaned.

The court documents name three men: their maternal uncles, James Brudell (1877-1953) and James Daly (1860-1923). John J. Conroy (), who lived at 5622 S. May Street, Chicago, is also mentioned. Are you related to him? If he is named alongside the two maternal uncles in the guardianship filing, he appears to have been closely connected to my great-grandparents.

Mary Beth"

Cross-reference: see Mary Healy Hopkinson, for later family research and preservation of Healy, Daly, and Brudell relationships.

James Healy

Catherine Fleming

James Healy (c.1866-1944) and Catherine Fleming (c.1868-1944) were the great-grandparents of Gerard Healy. They died within a few weeks of each other in 1944 and are buried at Tulsk Cemetery, County Roscommon. Gerard Healy shared a photograph of their headstone. In this generation, a brother and sister from the Healy family married a brother and sister from the Fleming family.

James Healy

Mary Nagle

James Healy (1850–1922), a saloon owner who died in Chicago, is identified in Michael Joseph Healy's obituary as Michael's uncle. James is described there as a native of Rathcroghan, County Roscommon, Ireland. James Healy also signed Michael Healy's 1917 death record, giving his address as 239 Superior Street, Chicago.

This places him as the brother of Martin Healy (1829-1879), the author's direct ancestor. James Healy's (1850-1922) Chicago death record identifies him as a retired saloon keeper, married to Mary Nagle (1861-1951), and names his parents as James Healy () and Bridget McDermott (). If the uncle relationship stated in the record is correct, this suggests that these may also be the parents of Martin Healy (1829-1879). That connection, however, has not yet been confirmed by baptismal or other records. However, there are a US citizen application and a US passport application for James Healy (1850-1922)

James Healy (1850-1951) and his wife, Mary Nagle (1861-1951), are buried at Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, Illinois. No children are known.

Cross-reference: see Bridget McDermott, for discussion of the two Healy–McDermott marriages and overlapping sons named James.

Martin Curley

Martin Curley is a DNA match whose connection to the Healy line is uncertain. He appears relevant because Paddy Healy, who matches both Mary Beth and Eileen, also matches Martin Curley and falls within the author's high-confidence cluster. This raises the possibility of a shared Healy connection, though it has not been confirmed.

In an email regarding a match with T.W. (Tim Whalen), Martin Curley wrote that T.W. and Paddy Healy are distant DNA cousins. He stated that he is researching the Healy line and believes the connection runs through his great-grandmother, Bridget Healy. Martin Curley didn't say who his grandmother, Bridget Healy, was married to. He suggested uploading T.W.'s

raw DNA data to GEDmatch to help evaluate whether the shared connection is through the Healy family.

Martin Curley

resides in Mount Bellew, County Galway.

Martin Healy (d. 23 Nov 1950)

Bridget Healy

Gerard Healy shared a photograph of a gravestone at Tulsk Cemetery that names Martin Healy (-1950), his wife Bridget (), and their sons Michael () and John Healy (). Martin Healy died on 23 November 1950. His parentage is unknown, and he does not appear on Mary Healy Hopkinson's Healy (1905-2005) family tree.

In response to questions about this family, Gerard reported that his father, Patrick Healy, believes this Martin Healy may have been a cousin of his own father, though the exact degree of relationship is uncertain. The identities and family connections to this Martin Healy, his wife, and their children remain unresolved and require further research.

Mary Healy Hopkinson

Mary Healy Hopkinson (1905-2005) was the oldest daughter of Michael Joseph Healy (1868-1917) and Mary C. Brudell (1873-1917). She was twelve years old when both of her parents died. Mary and her sisters, Anne (1905-1995) and Gertrude (1910-1948), were raised by their uncles, James Brudell (1877-1953) and Bernard Brudell (1880-1946).

My great aunt, Mary, later undertook genealogical research on her Irish ancestors and, in 1980, produced three family trees: one for the Healy line, one for the Daly line, and one for the Brudell line. I plan on asking Family Chart Masters to do a Healy Family Tree, using my Aunt's tree that had relationships, very few dates, and no places.

Audrey Gallagher told me that there isn't a Rosemary in her family, so make the correction on Mary Healy's tree.

Cross-reference: see Guardianship Papers for Mary (1905-2005), Anne (1907–1995), and Gertrude Healy (1910-1948), for additional evidence of

extended family and non-parental relationships within the Chicago Healy household.

Cross-reference: see Anne Healy (1907–1995), for on-site family research conducted in County Roscommon on behalf of her sister.

Patrick Healy

Son of James Healy (1866-1944) and Catherine Fleming (1866-1944), and father of Gerard Healy. Identified in the correspondence as a source of family memory, Patrick recalled an earlier visit to County Roscommon by Anne Healy (1907-1995), who traveled to Ireland to gather family information on behalf of her sister, Mary Healy Hopkinson (1910-2005). His recollections link earlier, family-led genealogical inquiry to later correspondence and documentary research.

Patrick Lanahan / Lenahan Research Question:

Who were the parents of Patrick Lanahan, and how is he related to the Roscommon families of Healy and Brudell?

Patrick Lanahan appears as a significant but unresolved figure in the Healy family records. He and a woman identified as Mary Lanahan served as baptism sponsors for Gertrude Healy in January 1910. In the 1910 U.S. census, Patrick Lanahan is enumerated in Chicago in the household of Michael J. Healy and is described as a cousin, indicating a familial relationship that has not yet been clearly defined.

Irish records indicate that a Patrick Lenahan was born in County Roscommon in 1867, the son of Patrick Lenahan and Mary Conlon. This individual may be the same man later enumerated in Chicago, though this has not been confirmed. A further point of interest is the apparent proximity of a Patrick Lenahan to Thomas Brudell in the 1901 census of Ireland, which may suggest a connection through the Brudell family.

The nature of Patrick Lenahan’s relationship to either Mary Brudell (1874-1919) or Michael J. Healy (1868-1917) remains unresolved. Determining whether this connection is through the Healy line, the Brudell line, or another Roscommon kinship network is an outstanding research objective.

Cross-reference*:* see Guardianship Papers for Mary (1905-2005), Anne (1907-1995), and Gertrude Healy (1910-1948), for additional evidence of extended family and non-parental relationships within the Chicago Healy household.

Richard Healy
Margaret Bridget Healy

Richard Healy and Michael Healy's ancestors may have been related, as evidenced by the placement of their gravestones within the same cemetery plot at Tulsk Cemetery, County Roscommon. This shared placement is the reason these individuals are preserved and examined together in the correspondence. One unresolved question raised by this evidence is whether Richard Healy was a brother of Martin Healy (ca. 1829-1879) and James Healy (1850-1922).

Richard Healy is identified as the father of Margaret Bridget Healy and as the person who erected her gravestone at Tulsk Cemetery. The stone records that it was raised by *"Richard Healy of Rathcroghan"* to the memory of his daughter Margaret Bridget Healy, who died at age 21. The year of her death is not legible, as part of the inscription is broken away. The absence of that date remains a significant unresolved gap.

Margaret Bridget Healy (unknown dates) is buried at Tulsk Cemetery, where her gravestone stands immediately adjacent to the grave of Michael Healy (1901-1985), the grandfather of Gerard Healy. The proximity of the graves is treated in the correspondence as evidence of a close family connection, though the exact nature of that relationship has not been established.

The correspondence raises unresolved possibilities regarding Richard Healy's position within the broader Healy family. He may have been related to Martin Healy, the author's great-grandfather, potentially as a brother, though no documentary record currently confirms this. The presence of another Martin Healy headstone near Margaret Bridget Healy's grave further complicates identification, raising the possibility of cousin relationships among the James, Michael, and Martin Healy lines.

Margaret Bridget Healy's burial and her father's explicit identification on the stone make this one of the few instances in the correspondence where a named individual asserts a relationship through memorialization, rather than

through later records. The gravesite, inscription, and placement remain key unresolved evidence.

[See Find a Grave Memorial #137770745 and FamilySearch ID GB38-SCH.]

Cross-reference: see Tulsk Cemetery, for discussion of shared burial plots and unresolved family relationships among the Healy burials.

Sr. Chanel

Born Mary Healy (1869-1927), daughter of Martin Healy (1829-1879) and Bridget McDermott (unknown-1885). Identified in the correspondence as a Marist nun. She lived in France and may have died there.

Cross-reference: see also Sr. Flora (Winifred Healy) and Sr. Malachy (Bridget Healy), Marist nuns identified as daughters of Martin Healy and Bridget McDermott.

Sr. Flora

Born Winifred Healy, daughter of James Healy (1866-1944) and Catherine Flemming (c. 1868-unknown). Identified in the correspondence as a Marist nun. No dates of birth or death are provided in the emails, and her country of residence or burial is not specified.

Cross-reference*:* see also Sr. Malachy (Bridget Healy) and Sr. Chanel (Mary Healy).

Sr. Malachy

Born Bridget Healy (1866-1949), daughter of Martin Healy (1829-1879) and Bridget McDermott (unknown-1885), and identified in the correspondence as a Marist nun. She died in Leitrim, Ireland. Find a Grave #152471454.

Cross-reference*:* see also Sr. Flora (Winifred Healy) and Sr. Chanel (Mary Healy).

Tulsk Cemetery

The Tulsk Cemetery is the burial site for multiple members of the Healy family discussed in these notes. Gerard Healy shared photographs of several

Healy gravestones located there. While Find a Grave memorials exist for some of these burials, not all information has been fully verified, and relationships among individuals represented by the stones are not yet fully understood within the Laughlin/Healy family structure.